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SUBJECT ACTIVITIES OF GHAZI KHANKAN AND CONNAUGHT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. LOCAL PAPER AL-ITTIHAD (2/7/75) PUBLISHED INTERVIEW WITH A CERTAIN GHAZI KHAN, WHO IS VISITING UAE SOLICITING SUPPORT FOR A NEW YORK-BASED OPERATION CALLED EITHER VOICE OF THE ARABS OR VOICE OF ISLAM. IN HIS INTERVIEW, MR. KHAN CLAIMED THAT ZIONISTS HAD BURNED DOWN OFFICES OF HIS PAPER (PRESUMABLY ORGAN HIS "OPERATION") AND THAT HE WAS TRYING TO GET SUPPORT OF THE 30 MILLION BLACKS IN THE U.S. UNFORTUNATELY (SIC) HIS ACTIVITIES ARE LIMITED BY LACK OF FUNDS.

2. THIS GHAZI KHAN ACTUALLY GHAZI KHANKAN, WHO FIRST VISITED EMBASSY IN OCTOBER, 1974 ACCOMPANYING JOSEPH T. RYAN OF CONNAUGHT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10020. KHANKAN'S BUSINESS CARD GAVE TITLE OF CONNAUGHT'S DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS. DURING VISIT, RYAN NEVER MENTIONED HIS COMPANY'S BUSINESS, BUT HE WISHED DISCUSS MATTER OF QUOTE NATIONAL SECURITY UNQUOTE. HE REFUSED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER OR WAIT FOR APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR.

3. ON THIS TRIP KHANKAN (WITHOUT RYAN) HAS NOT CONTACTED EMBASSY BUT APPEARED AS UNINVITED GUEST AT MFA RECEPTION FOR TIME NEWSTOUR.

4. COMMENT: SO FAR WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT KHANKAN OR HIS CAUSE
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HAS FOUND SUPPORT HERE. SO LONG AS THIS IS CASE, OUR BEST COURSE

APPEARS TO LET HIM HAVE HIS DAY AND HOPE HE QUIETLY DISAPPEARS.
HOWEVER, IF SITUATION CHANGES, FURTHER INFORMATION ON KHANKAN AND HIS
ASSOCIATES WILL BE MOST USEFUL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE
INFORMATION ABOUT OPERATIONS RYAN AND/OR KHANKAN, ACTIVITIES OF
CONNAUGHT, AND ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN CONNAUGHT AND
KHANKAN'S FUND-RAISING FOR HIS VOICE OF THE ARABS.
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